



King County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, King County has 37 farmers markets, which offer consumers affordable and healthy products sold at their peak of freshness, and which generate more than \$20 million in income each year for hundreds of King County agricultural producers; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets promote health and reduce obesity by increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets support the sustainability of small family farms, while creating opportunities for farmers and consumers to interact; and

WHEREAS, King County farmers markets have increased access to healthy food for food stamp recipients and have donated food to local anti-hunger initiatives; and

WHEREAS, King County strongly supports and promotes the development, operation, and expansion of farmers markets and other direct-to-consumer marketing activities; and

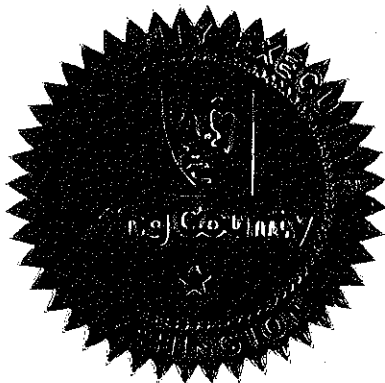
WHEREAS, since 1979 King County has permanently protected 13,400 acres of farmland through its Farmland Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, through its Transfer of Development Rights program, King County is steering development away from farmlands and generating funds to protect active farms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim the week of August 4 to August 10, 2013 to be

Farmers Market Week

in King County. I encourage all King County residents to join me in recognizing the benefits of farmers markets and the bountiful production of our farmers.



Dow Constantine
King County Executive